

todians as the said Board shall deem necessary, whose duty it shall be to prepare the voting machines for election purposes as hereinafter provided and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. Not less than five days or more than twenty days before any election such custodians shall, in the presence of at least two members of the Board having opposite party affiliation, prepare the voting machines, including such reserve number of machines as the Board may deem necessary, by setting all registering counters, except the protective counter, at zero (000), placing the proper ballot labels on the machines, locking the machines and removing the keys therefrom, and sealing each of said machines with a numbered seal so placed that the operating lever of each machine cannot be moved without destroying said seal.

(b) On or before the thirtieth day preceding an election, the said Board shall mail to the chairman of the City or County Committee, as the case may be, of each political party entitled under existing law to participate in primary elections within such city or county, a written notice, stating the times when and the place or places where the machines for use in the several polling places in the city or county will be so prepared for use as above provided. At such times and places, one representative of each of such political parties, certified by the respective chairmen of the city or county committees of such parties, shall be entitled to be present and to see that the machines are properly prepared and placed in proper condition and order for use.

(c) The custodian and deputy custodians shall make and sign a certificate in writing, and request each party representative present at the preparation of the machine to attest the same, which shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Elections, stating (1) the identifying number or other designation of the voting machine; (2) that each registering counter of the machine was set at zero (000); (3) the number appearing on the exposed counter which registers every consecutive operation of the machine; (4) the number on the seal with which the machine has been sealed; (5) that the keys for each machine have been sealed in separate envelopes identified by the serial number of the voting machine; (6) the date and place of the inspection and preparation of such machine and that the proper ballot-labels have been installed thereon. Each machine sealed as in this section provided shall remain locked and sealed until the time of examination immediately preceding the opening of the polls, as hereinafter provided.

85. (a) The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall deliver the proper voting machine or voting machines, properly furnished with ballot-labels, to the polling places of the respective